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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SOBER FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: BELL HELICOPTER COPRODUCTION

REF: (A) STATE 173833, (B) 75 TEHRAN 10954

1. AS YOU WILL NOTE IN REF (B), WE SENT A LETTER TO MINISTER OF COURT ALAM UNDER DATE OF NOVEMBER 9 CONTAINING MATERIAL APPLICABLE TO BELL-GOI HELICOPTER COPRODUCTION NEGOTIATIONS. UNDER DATE OF 11 NOVEMBER, 1975, I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MINISTER OF COURT ALAM WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS, HEAD AND TAIL OMITTED: BEGIN TEXT I THANK YOUR EXCELLENCY FOR YOUR LETTER OF 9TH NOVEMBER 1975 CONCERNING THE LAW GOVERNING THE SALE OR TRANSFER TO THIRD COUNTRIES OF MILITARY ITEMS WHICH MIGHT BE PRODUCED IN IRAN USING TECHNICAL DATA FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM YOU THAT THIS WAS DULY SUBMITTED TO THE HIGH ATTENTION OF HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY THE SHAHANSHAH ARYAMEHR. (PARAGRAPH) I APPRECIATE YOUR HAVING INFORMED ME OF THIS MATTER. END TEXT. BELL-GOI COPRODUCTION CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY ATKINS ON NOVEMBER 13 AND BY LT. GEN. MASSUMI ON NOVEMBER 17, 1975.

2. WITH RESPECT TO YOUR INQUIRY AS TO LIKELY IRANIAN REACTION WHEN BELL REOPENS CONTRACT, I FIND IT A BIT DIFFICULT TO BE EXPLICIT. MOODS AND TIMES CHANGE, BUT SINCE I HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH THE SHAH SINCE THE END OF LAST YEAR, IT WOULD HARDLY BE HELPFUL FOR ME TO GIVE A PROGNOSIS.

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